

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed July 12, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated November 30, 2004 have been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1-6 have been amended. Claims 1-7 are pending in this application, with claim 1 being the only independent claim. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action mailed July 12, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed November 30, 2004, claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,459,680 (Alperovich). The Examiner states that the MSC 50 disclosed by Alperovich reads on the claimed controlling radio network controller. Independent claim 1 has now been amended to recite that the cellular telecommunications network includes a core network and a third generation radio access network with a plurality of radio network controllers. Independent claim 1 is further amended so that the step of allocating more specifically recites "allocating, by a controlling radio network controller of the plural radio network controllers in the third generation radio access network, a temporary mobile station identifier unique within a cell of the third generation radio access network for a mobile station if the network determines that a state change to the second state is needed". Dependent claims 2-6 are amended to correct grammatical errors and to provide a consistent use of "the" instead of "said".

Applicant draws the Examiners attention to U.S. Patent No. 6,374,112 (Widegren), which was cited by the Examiner in the first Office Action. Fig. 1 of Widegren clearly shows a core network and a radio access network. As shown in Fig. 1 of Widegren, the MSC is not a part of the radio access network. Rather, the MSC is shown as a part of the core network. Since the claims now specifically recite that the cellular telecommunications network

includes a core network and a third generation radio access network with a plurality of radio network controllers, the MSC disclosed by Alperovich can not be considered to be a controlling radio network controller, as recited in independent claim 1. Accordingly, independent claim 1 is not anticipated by Alperovich.

Dependent claims 2-7, being dependent on independent claim 1, are deemed allowable for at least the same reasons expressed above with respect to independent claim 1.

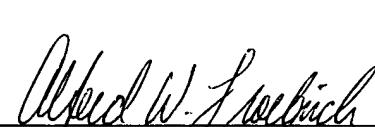
Dependent claim 2 recites "allocating, by the controlling radio network controller, the temporary mobile station identifier for a mobile station as a response to receiving a paging request for the mobile station from a serving radio network controller". Even if the MSC 50 of Alperovich is considered to be the claimed controlling radio network controller, the MSC 50 can not also be considered to be the serving radio network controller. There is no disclosure, teaching or suggestion in Alperovich for both a controlling and a serving radio network controller. Accordingly, independent claim 2 is also not anticipated by Alperovich for these additional reasons.

The application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited.

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